



The Federal Agency for Civic Education: Our Mission, Aims and Activities

The Federal Agency for Civic Education (Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung/bpb) is a public institution that promotes democratic awareness and political participation. Our various activities and publications cover a broad range of current and historical issues in the field of politics, economy, and society. In our daily work we provide timely and sound information and debates via our website and social media services. Our mission is to motivate people and enable them to give critical thought to political and social issues and play an active part in political and social life. Considering Germany's experience with various forms of dictatorship down through its history, the Federal Republic of Germany bears a unique responsibility for firmly anchoring values such as democracy, pluralism and tolerance in the people's minds.

The bpb celebrates its 65th anniversary in 2017 – 65 years of working in civic education aimed at strengthening and improving civil society. Our manifold educational activities help citizens to understand how political, cultural, social and economic processes work and relate to each other. Being a central, federal institution the bpb supports more than 300 approved partner institutions working in civic education in Germany. The bpb fulfils its work with socio-political, educational and journalistic responsibility. It is non-partisan and scientifically balanced.

The bpb's portfolio further includes special offers for teachers, civic and cultural education practitioners, journalists, children and young people. We address young people directly by dealing with topics and using media that suit their age, we provide material for learners with special needs and for fostering student's media literacy and cultural education. Further, the bpb develops special publications and advanced training activities for young people in sports clubs, for the German Federal Armed Forces or the police.

All the bpb's activities aim to motivate people and encourage them to reflect on political and social issues.

Information in English:

www.bpb.de/die_bpb/PE8IKY about the bpb

www.bpb.de/nece the bpb's European program Networking European Citizenship Education

www.eurotopics.net/en the bpb's daily European press review based on 300 media

www.hanisauland.de/en the bpb's children's website

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